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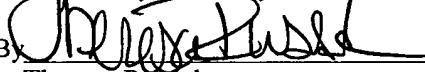
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In accordance with the duty of disclosure, enclosed is a completed Form PTO-1449. Consideration of each of the listed references by the Examiner is respectfully requested. Copies of the references listed thereon are all of record in Application No. 10/109,595, filed March 26, 2002, from which the present application derives priority under 35 USC § 120. In accordance with 37 CFR §198(d), applicant is not enclosing additional copies of these references. Applicant also respectfully requests that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 indicating such consideration be returned with the next Official Action, as set forth in MPEP 609.

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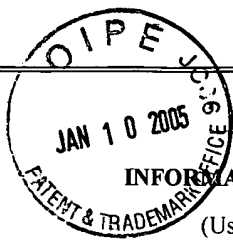
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